

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors  
Meeting May 19, 2022 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19:**

**Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665**

**advertised on the School Website as well.**

**Call to Order** - 5:31 p.m. called to order by Chairman, Tony Lee

**Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present** - By Phone are: Lisa Jones, Board Member. In Person are: School Leader Ginger Almon, Chairman - Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Grant Ward, Patricia Goodman, Russell Nuti, CFO - Lori Wilson, Guest - Elisa Falco and Erwin Thomas

**Approval of March Minutes** - Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Patricia Goodman. All were in favor.

**Recite the current SGSC Mission Statement:**

*SGSC will provide distinguished and integrated instruction in an environment that cultivates respect, is inclusive of all, and lays the foundation for excellence and life-long learning.*

**Public Comment School** - no comments

**Liaison (Ms. Fincher)** - no comments

**School Leader's Report - Information Items**

- **Recent Successes and Celebrations** - We successfully had the Pre-K celebration on 05/17/2022 in the morning and that night we had the 2 classes of Kindergarten graduation. Honor's day program was held on Wednesday, 5/18/2022. CSI team stated that we were meeting on all areas and have met all of our goals related to the School Improvement Short Term Action Plan. We have the completion of the bleachers on the football field for the home side. We had the voting of the Teacher of the Year award, which was voted on by peers, and Mrs. Teresa Banks received the most votes to receive this award. Mrs. Lori Wilson also received the Classified Staff Member of the Year for 21-22.
- **Information Item Accreditation Update** - completed the process and received the report with the results. It was explained that on this report you do not want to have red or yellow areas, you only want Blue and Green. The only area we had in yellow was the lack of a manual for our mentoring process. This will be addressed over the summer. We have been accredited and are just waiting on the official paperwork. This accreditation lasts for 5 years.
- **Information Item Athletics Information (Mr. Crowdis) - Information Item** - Things are coming along with football, cheerleading and softball. They have already been raising money for these areas. Softball has decided that they are going to charge 75 per child to purchase the uniforms because other than that all of the materials and supplies have been purchased over the years. Most of the uniforms are ruined and/or never returned. Fundraisers will be held to help cover some of the additional cost. Softball has already set up summer practice/ camp sessions. Things will be a little different this year as we will be in the GHSA.

## Academic - Information Items

- **Attendance Data - Information Item** - We are still falling in the 94% range with attendance, but it still needs to be increased to meet our goal of 96% attendance rate each week.
- **Upcoming End of Grade Testing - Information Item** - The preliminary scores are starting to roll in. They are not where we would like for them to be. We will go over these at the next meeting, once all scores have some in for review. Cindy Fincher's preliminary scores have been received and the scores look really good. We would like to do a shout out her Ms. Fincher and her accomplishments!

## Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of April Financial Report - Action Item** - Motion to approve by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All were in favor. The General fund was reviewed. The school is 83.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues totalled 89.10%. This percentage is elevated due to the school receiving 100% of the SCSC Reimbursement Grant and the 100% drawdown on the Charter facility grant. Student transportation is at 148.25%. This is due to the increase in fuel price and the purchase of a used bus that was not included in the amended budget. Student support services fund is at 100.40%. This includes end of the year athletic stipends that were not budgeted. Expenditures as a whole are closer to the percentage budgeted at 84.07%. The total fund equity for April was \$1,935,668.38. This is an increase of almost \$100k compared to March financials. Board members reviewed all of the financials.
  - **Cash Flow** - The monthly cash flow shows that our variance in cash flow is \$313,367.62 for this month. The revenue for March increased and the expenditures for March also increased in comparison to April financials.
- **Approval of the April School Food Report - Action Item** Motion to approve by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Grant Ward - All were in favor. The revenues total to 97.01%. May is a partial month, so we do not expect this revenue percentage to increase at the same rate of the past few months. The revenues amount will decrease for May and June. The expenditures were less than budgeted at 80.83%. The fund equity total is \$158,270.09.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item** -The CPF score is now a "100." This month shows no drastic changes in any of the score determination areas.
- **FY 2023 BUDGET REVIEW- Information Item** - The Board Members reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 2023 budget and agreed to proceed with the adoption process.
- **CARES III Update - Information Item** - GADOE has approved the purchase of a modular unit to be used as 2 classrooms with Esser III New Expanding Charter funds. The Board members reviewed other items listed on the proposed budget for this grant. The items are subject to change and remain a point of discussion.
- **Modular Unit Update - Action Item** - Quotes were submitted by Satellite Shelters, Inc, B2B Management, LLC, and Mobile Modular. B2B Management won the Bid. Motion to approve - Patricia Goodman, 2nd Russell Nuti, all in favor

## Governance - Action Items and Information Items

- **21-22 SCSC CAP Submission - Information Item** - This was submitted ahead of the due date of 4/25/2022 @ 11:59 p.m. We have not heard anything back from this. Asked Ms. Falco if she knew when we should hear something. She stated that she would

check and see and let us know.

- **Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item** - This is a standing item. We are still in the funding process.
- **Board Member Recruitment - Information Item** - Mr. Erwin Thomas is present at the board meeting. His resume has been presented to the board members prior to tonight. He is here for additional questions. Chris Weathersby has requested that Mr. Thomas states what his interests in joining the board are. He states that he has 3 grandchildren that are enrolled in the school. With this he has a vested interest in the school and keeping the school successful. He also has a background in business and management that would benefit the board.
- **Motion to Amend the Agenda** to allow the voting of adding Mr. Erwin Thomas as a full time board member was brought to the table. Motion to approve amendment made by Patricia Goodman and 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor. Motion to approve Mr. Erwin Thomas joins as a full time board member made by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all in favor.
- **22-23 New Hires - Action Item** - Motion for approval to hire Mrs. Hope White for Spanish and Georgia History instruction made by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Grant Ward, All in favor - yes
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item** - Performance Standard 6: Assessment Uses ASSESSMENT USES The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses relevant data to measure student progress, to inform instructional content and delivery methods, and to provide timely and constructive feedback to both students and parents. Chairman Lee stated that he believes that Mrs. Almon goes above and beyond in this performance standard and she is actually exceeding in this area. The whole board agreed that the school as a whole is extremely lucky to have Ms. Almon.

**Adjourn Meeting** - Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Grant Ward, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.